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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's report. Prices were sharply lower on large and medium, but irregular on extra large in the Southeast region. Elsewhere, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly reported as about steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged slow to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to ample for the light to at times fairly good demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for normal processing schedules. Demand was noted as moderate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged with the balance of prices sharply lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with food service movement light to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance to tight for jumbo, adequate to tight for extra large, and fully adequate to ample on the balance of the sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers | | |
|-------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|----|
| EXTRA LARGE | 34-44 | 35-41 | | | |
| LARGE | 33-43 | 34-37 | | | |
| MEDIUM | 17-27 | 19-22 | | | |
| | | | LARGE | 16-25 | 20 |
| | | | MEDIUM | 7-11 | 9 |
| | | | SMALL | 5-7 | |

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady and continued to test entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for usually normal schedules. Demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were generally adequate for normal processing schedules.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 45-64 | 50-52 |
| LARGE | 39-53 | 44-48 |
| MEDIUM | 19-32 | 24-26 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 6 cents lower on extra large, down 7 cents on large and mediums. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand slow to moderate. Food service movement was fair at best. Supplies were adequate for jumbo and fully adequate to ample for the balance of the sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules fulltime. Trade sentiment barely steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 51.5-60 | 53-56 |
| LARGE | 44.5-53 | 46-49 |
| MEDIUM | 22.5-31 | 24-27 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on large and mediums, irregular on extra large when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules. Spent hens were generally adequate for the mostly moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|------------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 43.5-61.25 | 45-48 |
| LARGE | 42-55.25 | 43-46 |
| MEDIUM | 21.5-29 | 22-26 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's report. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 53-57 |
| LARGE | 51-55 |
| MEDIUM | 31-35 |

MIDWEST REGIONAL

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 41-50 | 43-47 |
| LARGE | 40-49 | 41-43 |
| MEDIUM | 24-33 | 27-29 |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, 6-7 cents lower on extra large, 8-9 cents lower on large, and 6-7 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large, 8 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, best where features planned. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 40.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 114 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 94 |
| LARGE | 77 |
| MEDIUM | 60 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | RANGE | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA | RANGE |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 259-309 | | |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-289 | NOT AVAILABLE | |
| LARGE | 199-219 | | |
| MEDIUM | 179-199 | | |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 12, 2005 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 05, 2005 were 206,898 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 169,501 | 37,397 | 206,898 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -3 | -0 | -3 |

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 23-25 | 24 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 13-17 | 13-15 |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA: | | |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI | | |

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from initial users. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
08-AUG-05

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--|---------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB. | 12-13.75 | 12.88 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| *WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | |

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were irregular but noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
08-AUG-05

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---|----------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 9.75-16.25 CENTS/LB. | 12-14 | 13.27 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 08, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | | SO | SO | | 5-Area |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 6.2 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 12.8 | 42.0 |
| | Change | -3.3 | -6.6 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 4.3 | -10% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 24.5 | 43.7 | 13.3 | 25.6 | 33.5 | 140.6 |
| | Change | -5.8 | -0.7 | -3.9 | 1.5 | 3.2 | -4% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 48.5 | 175.3 | 63.2 | 97.8 | 99.0 | 483.8 |
| | Change | -1.9 | 15.0 | -6.3 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 4% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 14.0 | 79.6 | 20.9 | 28.8 | 35.2 | 178.5 |
| | Change | -0.8 | 15.8 | 0.6 | -9.0 | 0.0 | 4% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.7 | 18.6 | 4.7 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 44.2 |
| | Change | -7.3 | 3.7 | 0.3 | -2.7 | 1.1 | -10% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 4.0 | 36.9 | 9.3 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 71.0 |
| | Change | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.7 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -1% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 22.8 | 47.7 | 16.8 | 25.4 | 27.9 | 140.6 |
| | Change | -1.3 | -9.6 | -8.6 | -7.0 | -4.0 | -18% |
| Total Percent | Curr Wk | 124.7 | 409.1 | 133.9 | 211.5 | 221.5 | 1100.7 |
| | Change | -14% | 4% | -12% | -6% | 7% | -2% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1100.7 | -2% | 175 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 245.2 | -6% | 35 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1345.9 | -3% | 210 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2005

| GRADEA | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.86 | 1.83 | 1.74 | 1.16 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 25, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

| GRADEA | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.32 | .77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 05, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 14.25 FUTURE LOADS 6.75 TOTAL LOADS 21.00

| | | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS | | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | |
| GNR W 1 | -- | -- | 23.50 | 25.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 43.00 | 1.25 | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 34.33 | 2.50 | |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | 36.50 | 38.00 | 31.00 | -- | 4.00 | GL W MD | 21.75 | -- | -- | 27.08 | -- | -- | 24.20 | 4.25 | |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 23.00 | -- | 2.50 | GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 47.75 | .50 | |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | -- | -- | 13.92 | -- | 3.25 | GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 47.75 | 1.75 | |
| GL W SM | -- | -- | 13.00 | 15.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 36.25 | -- | .50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 36.25 | -- | 1.75 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | 22.00 | 24.00 | -- | -- | 4.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | -- | -- | 23.00 | 25.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 01, 2005-AUG 05, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 113.00 FUTURE LOADS 50.50 TOTAL LOADS 163.50

| | | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS | | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | |
| GNR W XL | -- | -- | 27.50 | 29.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 41.00 | 5.00 | |
| GNR W 1 | 29.33 | -- | 26.67 | 29.67 | -- | -- | 6.00 | GL W J | 51.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 59.00 | 1.00 | |
| GNR W 2 | -- | -- | 28.00 | 29.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W XL | 37.00 | 37.00 | -- | 51.83 | -- | -- | 46.17 | 22.00 | |
| GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | -- | 41.00 | -- | -- | 2.00 | GL W LG | 32.71 | 34.75 | -- | 47.75 | -- | -- | 38.17 | 24.25 | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | 54.00 | 55.00 | 43.00 | -- | 2.50 | GL W MD | 20.05 | -- | -- | 29.22 | -- | -- | 26.00 | 11.25 | |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | 37.63 | 39.81 | 34.18 | -- | 38.75 | GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 48.00 | 1.00 | |
| GL W LG | -- | 33.00 | 39.00 | 37.00 | 25.86 | -- | 21.00 | GL BR LG | 41.00 | -- | -- | 52.00 | -- | -- | 47.00 | 6.25 | |
| GL W MD | 18.00 | -- | -- | -- | 16.48 | -- | 7.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 16.13 | 18.25 | 13.00 | 15.00 | -- | -- | 6.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 36.25 | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | 44.50 | -- | -- | 36.17 | -- | 6.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | 22.00 | 24.33 | -- | 27.00 | 25.25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | -- | -- | 25.50 | 28.00 | 17.67 | 20.29 | 9.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | 16.00 | 18.00 | -- | 17.00 | 12.75 | 18.39 | 30.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | -- | 14.00 | -- | -- | 11.00 | 10.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | -- | 13.00 | -- | -- | 10.00 | -- | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Demand is moderate.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 68.77 |
| LARGE | 59.63 |
| MEDIUM | 39.63 |
| SMALL | 33.00 |

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Extra Large doz. | 222 – 260 | 239 - 240 |
| 1/2 doz. | 120 – 151 | 130 - 134 |
| Large doz. | 217 – 250 | 225 - 230 |
| 1/2 doz. | 115 – 142 | 125 - 128 |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

| ON HAND | 08/01/05 | 07/25/05 | 08/02/04 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 250 | 277 | 163 |
| LOS ANGELES | 245 | 272 | 116 |

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